

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 92

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Reverend William T. Morefield on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend William T. Morefield will celebrate his 100th birthday on March 11, 2003, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, during sixty-four years in the ministry, the Reverend William T. Morefield faithfully served God, his congregations, and communities throughout Virginia, Maryland, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, under his devoted leadership, new churches were constructed in Pulaski, Virginia; Crisfield, Maryland; and Whitwell, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service in the ministry, the Reverend Morefield nurtured communities of service to God, and he earned the utmost gratitude from his congregations; and

WHEREAS, the oldest living ordained Bishop in the Church of God, the Reverend Morefield retired from the ministry in 1966, after pastoring the Whitwell Church of God for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Morefield and his wife lived in Whitwell for an additional twenty-three years, during which time the couple was active with the Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Morefield was also elected to serve on the Whitwell City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Morefield is now a highly respected member of the Cleveland community, where he and his wife moved in 1986 in order to be closer to their daughter; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Morefield enjoyed the love and companionship of his wife for seventy-one years, until her passing to her greater reward in September of 1997; the couple was blessed with one child, Anne, and her husband, Josh Thomas; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as the Reverend Morefield approaches his eleventh decade, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as his health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate the Reverend William T. Morefield on the celebration of his 100th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.